

LACDMH HONORS 2013 EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR
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On Thursday, October 10, 2013, the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH) HONORS Committee celebrated the department's 2013 Employees of the Year at St. Anne's auditorium in Los Angeles. This year, there were five individual award winners along with a team.

The LACDMH Employees of the Year program is designed so employees can honor their extraordinary colleagues. The HONORS Committee is made up of a diverse group of peers who reviewed all the nominations and scored them based on the criteria aligned with LACDMH's mission and values.

"What we are here for is to recognize those individuals who do their job at an extraordinary level and offer a service that makes clients' lives better," said LACDMH Director Marvin Southard, D.S.W. As the host, Dr. Southard thanked all those who were nominated and won awards for their outstanding work.

Here are LACDMH's Employees of the Year for 2013:

Promotion of Wellness & Recovery:



Maria Salas
(Medical Case Worker II, Adult SOC, San Pedro Mental Health Center)

Outstanding Team Work:



Art Empowerment Team – Kendra Lyman (Psychiatric Social Worker I, Adult SOC, Long Beach Child & Adolescent Program) & Jean Lima (Recreational Therapist I, Adult SOC, Long Beach Child & Adolescent Program)

Leadership:



Nancy Nowlin-Finch, M.D.
(Supervising Psychiatrist, Older Adult SOC, SA5 Edelman Westside Mental Health Center)

Dedicated Direct Services:



Jeffrey Baer
(Psychiatric Social Worker I, Adult SOC, Long Beach Child & Adolescent Program)

Dedicated Support Services:



Jennifer Hallman
(Mental Health Training Coordinator, Program Support/Quality Assurance)

Career Achievement:



Julia Carreon
(Mental Health Services Coordinator II, Countywide Resource Management)